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He went to 12 different Latin American countries on a six-week tour during Feb and Mar 54. He remained in Guatemala for eight days.

1. In my visit to Guatemala, I learned that the secular university, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, is a strong anti-Communist barrier in spite of the fact that the government is currently reducing its subsidy to the University. This University, which has strong cultural ties with the US in many of its departments, has weathered political pressure before. Established in the colonial tradition, the ideal of the University is that it should remain autonomous from political activity, and moreover, at the University there is unanimous support for its present program without a semblance of a competing minority. It is unusual to find such a determined intellectual position on the values of a truly democratic ideology in Latin America.
2. I believe that there is a large number of government functionaries who pay lip service to the present Guatemalan regime but who are completely opposed to the US. I base my opinion on meetings with Jacques Pardo, director of the National Archives, and the National Librarian (Guy Dardón). These men, who had no pleasant, were most cooperative, and could not be sincere in my anti-US attack. For others, I noticed a certain ambivalence toward the policies of the Guatemalan regime.
3. Simultaneously, I do not overlook the extensive infiltration of communist elements in the educational departments of the government. I will credit such, however, in increasing the quality of their publications. As a matter of fact, their current publications show the best technical job of any publications ever produced in Guatemala.

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